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***LESQUERELLA PAYSONII***  
**PAYSON BLADDERPOD**

Payson's Bladderpod is a perennial with 1-many prostrate to ascending stems that are 5-15 cm long. The numerous, entire spoon-shaped basal leaves abruptly narrow to slender petioles that are up to 3.5 cm long. Foliage is covered with star shaped silver hairs. Stem leaves are few and reduced. The flowers have 4 yellow petals that are 8-10 mm long in an expanding inflorescence. Fruits are oblong-elliptic and compressed with rounded margins and sutures that are 5-8 mm long. Flowering in early June, fruiting til July.

This species can be easily confused with *LESQUERELLA CARINATA*, which has obviously keeled sutures and margins on its fruits.